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For: **LOAD BALANCING TO SUPPORT TAPE AND DISK SUBSYSTEMS ON SHARED
FIBRE CHANNEL ADAPTERS**

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Enclosed are also:

☒ 14 Pages of Specification including an Abstract
☒ 6 Pages of Claims (Claims 1 - 21)
☒ 2 Sheet(s) of formal drawings
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney
☒ Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation
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☒ Form PTO 1449

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